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Memorandum

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TO : W. C. Sullivan

DATE: 2-14-64

FROM : W. A. Branigan

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SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD
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U. S. Embassy in Mexico has furnished Legat with letter directed to President Lyndon B. Johnson dated 12-2-63 by Pedro Gutierrez Valencia, a department store credit investigator and former assistant prison director in Mexico.

Gutierrez allegedly saw an individual now believed by him to have been Lee Harvey Oswald while conducting credit inquiry at Cuban Embassy in Mexico around the first of October, 1963. Oswald reportedly was engaged in a heated discussion with an unidentified Cuban believed to have been employed by the Cuban Embassy, during which the names Castro and Kennedy were overheard. While walking through courtyard to gate, Cuban allegedly was counting American money which he gave to Oswald as both entered Renault auto and drove away. The discussion was in the English language, however, Gutierrez admittedly speaks or understands very little English.

Investigation to date has failed to establish exact date of above, identity of Cuban involved nor corroborate or disprove allegation. Gutierrez has identified newspaper photo of Oswald appearing in a Mexican newspaper, however, could not identity a recent photo of Oswald passing out Fair Play for Cuba Committee literature in New Orleans when displayed with other photos. Gutierrez states, however, he reportedly followed Oswald and the Cuban at two-yard intervals throughout courtyard.

By cablegram 2-12-64 Legat, Mexico, was instructed to intensify efforts to definitely resolve above allegation, including (1) display of photo to Gutierrez of former Cuban Consul General Eusebio Azcue with whom we know Oswald had heated discussion at Cuban Embassy in Mexico; (2) display of photo, eliminating background, of unidentified white male, possibly American, taken by CIA in Mexico which bears resemblance to Oswald to determine whether possible identical with individual believed by Gutierrez to have been Oswald. CIA clearance being obtained for this. (3) conduct additional

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investigation regarding Renault auto, solid beige in color, bearing Mexican plates possibly registered to or in possession of American in Mexico City; (4) further ascertain reliability of Gutierrez and possible motivation for furnishing the above.

ACTION:

For information.

Previously I have not been too impressed with the thoroughness of our investigations in Mexico City nor their supervision from here.
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